

## SINGLE TAX AND MACHINERY

A friend who asked how the adoption of the single tax could benefit laborers if the owners of machinery should insist on exploiting them, was given the following reply:

No matter how extensive and expensive machinery may be, it was produced by labor and labor can produce it. In fact existing machinery is constantly wearing out and is being reproduced. Comparatively little machinery now in use was in existence ten years ago and comparatively little of it will be in existence ten years hence. Most of it was produced during the past ten years and labor will produce during the next ten years enough to replace most of what now exists. Any workingman who may wish, with the single tax in operation, to work for themselves with their own machinery will find no obstacle in the way. Of course no single workingman could become sole owner of all the machinery in a large plant, say like the Bethlehem Iron Works, because no single workingman could possibly duplicate that plant. But if enough workingmen banded together in a voluntary co-operative association they could go to the mines, the forests and other natural resources and get the raw material for machinery, buildings and other parts of the plant. Some members of the association could devote their labor to producing food and clothing for the rest. In time the plant would be duplicated and the duplicate would be the property of the workmen who produced it. The plan could be carried out without invoking the aid of the government. Any one taking part in an effort of this kind who at any time would see fit to leave the association would be at liberty to do so and would not forfeit a chance to earn a living by so doing.

Now, some may think of asking: "If this is so why cannot workingmen do it today?" The reason they cannot is because the mines and other natural resources are privately monopolized. Private ownership of machinery is no hindrance.

Now, if workingmen would carry out this plan the owners of already existing machinery would be left with it idle and rusting on their hands. It would consequently be to their interest to offer inducements strong enough to persuade laborers to remain with them instead of using their power to produce their own machinery. In all probability that is the course that would be pursued. Labor would thus get fair treatment without any difficulty.

Under existing conditions with only about nine jobs open to every ten men and with labor denied access to natural opportunities, capitalists have power over laborers which they could not have under conditions that would give labor access to natural opportunities and open more than ten jobs to every nine men.

The foundation of the capitalist's power is the expropriation of the masses from the soil. It logically follows from this that the restoration to all men of equal rights to the use of the earth must destroy the power of owners of machinery to exploit and oppress labor.

## TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

An examination for teachers' certificates will be held in the County Superintendent's office January 26 and 27, 1912, beginning at 9 o'clock.

JENNIE B. MOWYER,  
County Superintendent.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Fred Kaiser ..... Ellinwood  
Mrs. Anna Hoolihan ..... Ellinwood

## MURRANT.

James Wilson Murrant was born in Chester county, S. C. 1842, and departed this life at his home January 11, 1912, at 9:15 a. m. His parents were Mike and Melinda Murrant. His father died during slavery. His mother died in 1911. He was married to Miss Narcissa Piggins in 1872. Six children were born to this union, namely, Miss Lucinda and Marie, Francis, Selie, Phillip and Baby Murrant, the last four preceding him in death. He moved with his family to Great Bend in 1885. He professed a hope in Christ in 1872. Joined the Gasman Baptist church in Chester county, S. C., was baptized by Rev. Bonny Humphrey, later uniting with the First Baptist church of Great Bend, to which he lived a faithful and consistent Christian till the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his loss a devoted wife, two daughters, two brothers, Hansel Murrant and William Swift and a sister, Mrs. Belle Featherstone and a host of friends. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Funeral services were held Saturday from the First Baptist church of this city.

## WICKENS-TRUE.

Herbert J. Wickens of Electra, Texas, and Miss Bertha True of Great Bend were married January 11, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. True, of 300 Elm street by Rev. Cockerill of the Methodist church of this city. The groom is employed in the oil fields of Texas and is a young man well recommended by those who are acquainted with him. He is an experienced man in the oil field work. The bride has been bookkeeper for the Merritt Creamery company for quite a long time and is a bright young lady and popular with her acquaintances. The young folks will leave in a few days for Electra, Texas where they will make their home. We wish the young folks a long, happy and prosperous life wherever they may be.

## YOUNG MEN WILL GIVE DEBATES

Resolved, that the principles of the short ballot system should be incorporated in the election system of Kansas.

Three Great Bend high school boys will take the affirmative of this question Friday night of this week meet in debate to defend the statement against the arguments of a debating team from the Lyons High School.

Pres. Campbell of Cooper College, Rev. Kirk and Supt. Hall all of Sterling will be the judges of the debate. The three Great Bend boys are Walter Deal, Irl Clayton and Robert Myrick, and they will speak in the order named. They were selected through a series of debates held in the school this year in order to select a team to enter the state high school debating league, a plan originating from and supervised by the University of Kansas. The state is divided into sections, Great Bend, Lyons, Ashland and Hutchinson schools belonging to the association in this district.

The debate is to be held in the High School auditorium of this city and in addition to the debate there will be a musical program. An admission of twenty-five cents will be made to defray expenses.

Col. O. R. Coulter, a former Kansas politician, editor of the Western Veteran a few years ago published at Topeka, and for one term Department Commander of the Kansas G. A. R., died at his home at Santa Ana, California, last week.

## THE HEIZER WRECK.

In the report's telephoned Monday from Heizer concerning the wreck it was stated that a mass of snow and ice four feet deep had caused the wreck. It develops that the snow was not that deep however. One rail was entirely free from snow and ice though the other rail was covered. It was the opinion of the engine crew that the engines would easily go through but when the drift was struck the cowcatcher on the first engine doubled up and turned back under the engine throwing it off the track and on its side. Engineer Stafford and Fireman Triplett were thrown back together and a quantity of coal fell on them. Escaping steam filled the engine so that it was impossible to see and Stafford getting out from under the coal managed to step in the right direction and get out, without serious injury. He was dazed for some time but knew just the position of the body of Joe Triplett, the only person to lose his life. The train was a double header and the crew of the second engine, Engineer Walter Sanders and Fireman Elmer Harrison, escaped without serious injury. John Leshure, conductor of the train said that one of the train crew was standing in the aisle when the wreck occurred and that he was not even thrown off his feet. Most of the passengers thought the train had stopped for only a moment and it was some time before they ascertained the cause. Many photos were taken of the wreck. A train went up from here and brought the passenger coaches back to this city, also the body of young Triplett which was taken from the engine.

## JOE TRIPLETT.

"He was the best son any mother ever had," said Mrs. J. H. Triplett Tuesday of her son Joe, whose death occurred Monday in the wreck of the branch train near Heizer, paying a compliment that is universal among mothers and which in this case was certainly deserved. "You can't say anything good of him that isn't true," she continued. And Joe Triplett was a good son and he was a good husband too. Married a little less than two years he leaves a wife and parent, a baby son, two sisters, Blanche and Nellie, and besides many friends to testify to his worth. He was a quiet sort of a boy, popular among his playmates and later he carried the same sterling qualities with him in his work. He was a hard worker and started early in life to make a home of his own. Born November 14, 1891, at Larned, his parents moved here while he was quite young. At the age of 18 he had a position on the railroad and on April 10, 1910, he was united in marriage to Miss Edna Thompson of Ness City and the young people made their home in this city. He made a success of his work as a fireman and had good prospects for advancement. Then came the accident which ended the plans for the future. The grief stricken relatives have the sympathy of scores of friends in the bereavement which they are suffering.

The funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church in this city, conducted by Rev. Cockerill. He was a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and of the Knights and Ladies of Security.

## THE ATHENIAN CLUB.

The Athenian Club met Monday afternoon with Miss Margaret Osmond. Meeting opened by the repeating of the Collect after which was roll call about Napoleon.

An interesting article was then given on Napoleon's campaign against Spain, by Mrs. Stauffer and one on Wellington's campaign given by Mrs. Nellie Smith.

Light refreshments were served by the hostess. The club will meet next Monday with Mrs. Katherine Smith.

A newspaper man is in no sense a child of charity. It earns twice over every dollar it receives, and it is second to no enterprise in contributing to the upbuilding of a community. Its patrons reap far more benefit from its pages than its publisher, and in calling for the support of the community in which it is published, it asks for no more than in all fairness belongs to it, though generally it receives less. Patronize and help your paper as you would any other enterprise, because it helps you, and not as an act of charity.—Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie George, north of town, are the parents of a handsome little girl born Thursday of last week.

A healthy man is a king in his own right; an unhealthy man is an unhappy slave. Burdock blood purifiers build up sound health—keeps you well.

"Suffered day and night the torment of itching piles. Nothing helped me until I used Doan's Ointment. It cured me permanently."—Hon. John R. Garrett, Mayor, Girard, Ala.

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## EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

State of Kansas, Barton County; SS. In the Probate Court in and for said County.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Moran, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary have been granted to the undersigned, on the Last Will and Testament of James Moran, late of said County, deceased, by the Honorable, the Probate Court of the County and State aforesaid, dated the 16th day of January, A. D. 1912. Now all persons having claims against the said Estate, are hereby notified that they must present the same to the undersigned for allowance within one year from the date of said Letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such Estate; and that if such claims be not exhibited within two years after the date of said Letters, they shall be forever barred.

GEO. W. THATCHER.

Executor of the last Will and Testament of James Moran, Deceased.  
January 17, 1912.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Banta entertained a large number of friends Tuesday evening in honor of their son Dan, of St. Louis. The guests were entertained by vocal and instrumental music. It was an evening full of enjoyment for everyone fortunate enough to be in attendance.

Miss Fannie Johnson gave a nine o'clock breakfast Saturday morning in honor of Misses Clara Musil and Mildred Boehmle, Grace and Florence Wisemir, of Ellinwood.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Shunklik entertained a few friends at whist Tuesday evening.

Will Hammond returned Saturday night from Topeka where he had been on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Panning and son left Sunday morning for their home in Kansas City after a several weeks visit here and in Ellinwood.

Mrs. L. C. Miller went to Blackwell Okla., Sunday called there by the illness of her grandfather, J. R. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. John McMullen and children of Ellinwood spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Epperson.

Miss Irene Roswell gave a leap year party Monday evening in honor of Mr. Carl Donovan. A fine time is reported by the guests.

Thomas Brooks Fletcher who delivered his lecture on the "Martyrdom of Fools" at the High School auditorium Monday night was one of the best lecturers ever in Great Bend. The big crowd that heard him was one of the most appreciative audiences we have ever seen here.

Wm. Robart left Monday for Denver, Las Animas and other places in Colorado.

Jno. Gallon went to Joplin Monday on business.

Mrs. P. D. Lamereaux is visiting her husband, P. D., at Garfield. He is in the drug business there.

Miss Maude Luse visited with friends in Larned Sunday.

N. P. Wilhide of Plainville, visited the first of the week with friends in this city.

Walter Mathewson of Wichita arrived here Monday night for a visit with relatives. He will be home a week or two. He has sold an interest in his business to Chas. P. Fox formerly of Larned. This gives him a chance to visit home folks and friends oftener.

Chas. Lundblade has purchased the Q. Z. Store and will vacate his present location about the 1st of March. He is selling his groceries and dry goods at a very reasonable price so as to save the trouble of moving them.

Roy A. Miller who has been employed with the Moses Bros. Mill office, left Tuesday morning for Wichita where he will be employed as chief station manager for the Kansas Flour Milling Co.

## OFF FOR FLORIDA.

Ira H. Clark left Tuesday morning with a party of eleven for Florida. The party will go to the famous lake region near Winter Haven which is said to be about the highest point in the state. This section is noted for its fine oranges and grape fruit, a great deal of which is now being produced there. There are a large number of fresh water lakes in this vicinity and the members of the party are figuring on having a big time eating oranges, fishing and boating. Most of those going expect to return in about two weeks. Those going from here were Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Sprague, Frank Brown, P. G. Strothman and Ira H. Clark. The rest of the party were Larned people.

Louis Zuckerman and W. L. Bowersox went to Seneca, Mo., Monday morning on business.

John Meyers of this office, visited home folks and attended to some business matters in Ellinwood Monday.



Decidedly unusual.  
**Wunderhose**  
the improved standard.

It takes more than a guarantee to equal Wunderhose—it takes a pretty high standard of quality and a knowledge that the quality will outwear the guarantee. The obligation the manufacturer assumes when he tells you that you are entitled, and do receive without question, new Wunderhose free for any that wear into holes within four months after purchase, is ample proof of value.

No child however hard on hosiery has any terrors for Wunderhose. Men and women who are annoyed by punching toes through the foot of a stocking need have no further annoyance from that source.

One Dollar per box of four pairs.

The Lischesky Dry Goods Co.

## Speaking of the Divorce Evil

Trying to succeed in business without advertising is like the case of the man who, trying to cut expenses, divorced his wife and alone attempted to keep house and raise his children. It cost him more money for doctor bills and funeral expenses in a year than he gave his wife in a lifetime.

When advertising is divorced, business success becomes failure.

This paper is building your neighbor's business. He has reasons. He tried advertising and it helped him. It is not an experiment—this paper brings results. Good, hard, convincing results—dollars.

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# \$1 and \$2 SHOE SALE

Wednesday to Saturday Night

These shoes represent broken lines and discontinued numbers. Every pair comes from our regular stock of high class shoes. The best of leather and correct styles. Most of these shoes have welted soles, some cloth tops, kid tops, button, lace and blucher patterns, sizes 2 1-2 to 8, AA to E widths are represented, but not in every style. Men's and Boys' shoes in patent colt and calf leathers.

Prices from \$1.50 to \$4. To clean them out quick see price. In two lots.....\$1 and \$2 a pair

Adam L. Krause  
THE SHOEMAN